

CLAIMS

1. A mobile communication station including a camera and having a grip for being gripped by a user during use of the communication station, the grip having a first compact configuration and a second configuration in which the grip is expanded relative to the first configuration to improve the grip of the user on the communication station when the grip is in the second expanded configuration.
2. A mobile communication station as claimed in claim 1, wherein the communication station has a body portion to which the grip is attached and with respect to which the grip is movable.
3. A mobile communication station as claimed in claim 2, wherein the body portion houses operational components of the communication station.
4. A mobile communication station as claimed in claim 3, wherein the body portion includes the camera.
5. A mobile communication station as claimed in claim 3 or 4, wherein user input and/or output components of the communication station are exposed on the surface of the body portion.
6. A mobile communication station as claimed in any of claims 2 to 5, wherein the grip is rotatable relative to the body portion.
7. A mobile communication station as claimed in claim 6 as dependent directly or indirectly on claim 4, wherein the grip is rotatable relative to the body portion about an axis substantially parallel to the direction in which the camera points, so as to project from the body portion.
8. A mobile communication station as claimed in claim 6 as dependent directly or indirectly on claim 4, wherein the grip is rotatable relative to the body portion about an axis substantially perpendicular to the

direction in which the camera points, so as to project from the body portion.

9. A mobile communication station as claimed in claim 8, wherein in at least one rotational position the grip extends continuously from the body in the direction of the axis of rotation.
10. A mobile communication station as claimed in any of claims 2 to 5, wherein the grip is slidable relative to the body portion.
11. A mobile communication station as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the grip has a core portion and at least one outer wall movable away from the core portion, and wherein in moving from the first compact configuration to the second expanded configuration the or each wall is moved away from the core portion.
12. A mobile communication station as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein in the mobile communication station is capable of operating as a mobile telephone.
13. A mobile communication station as claimed in claim 12, the mobile communication station is capable of sensing relative motion of at least a part of the grip portion and another part of the mobile communication station, and in response switching from a first operating mode to a second operating mode.
14. A mobile communication station as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein user input and/or output components of the communication station are exposed on the surface of the grip.
15. A mobile communication station as claimed in claim 14, wherein the grip portion is movable relative to the direction in which the camera points so as to be capable of adopting a position in which the user input and/or output components of the communication station are exposed on the surface of the grip face in substantially the opposite direction to that in which the camera points.

16. A mobile communication station as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein changing the configuration of the grip from the first compact configuration to the second expanded configuration makes available an additional user interface for controlling the operation of the mobile communication station.
17. A mobile communication station as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the grip houses operational components of the mobile communication station.
18. A mobile communication station as claimed in claim 17, wherein the grip is electrically connected to the main body of the mobile communication station.
19. A mobile communication station having a body that is relatively elongate about an axis, the body comprising two portions which are mechanically coupled to each other by a linkage that permits rotation of one of the portions relative to the other about an axis substantially parallel to the said axis and prevents rotation of each portion relative to the other about other axes.
20. A mobile communication station as claimed in claim 19, wherein one of the portions includes a camera.
21. A mobile communication station as claimed in claim 20, wherein the other of the portions includes a display.
22. A mobile communication station as claimed in any preceding claim, including gaming or editing functions.
23. A mobile communication station substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.